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SUBJECT: ARCE'S BUILDING NEEDS

FOR MATTHEWS NEA/EGY FROM AMBASSADOR

1. DORMAN HAS SHOWN ME CABLE FROM ARCE HEADQUARTERS STATING ARCE'S BUILDING NEEDS WERE DISCUSSED WITH YOUR OFFICE AND THAT DEPT WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE PURCHASE OF SUCH BUILDING. FIRST STEP WOULD BE FOR ME TO SEND APPROVAL BY CABLE OR IN WRITING. I DO NOT KNOW IF THIS IS A CORRECT REPORT, BUT YOU WILL RECALL THAT IN CAIRO 8888 (SEPT 10, 1975), I ALREADY RECOMMENDED THAT DEPT SUPPORT ARCE'S REQUEST FOR THIS PURPOSE. I NEVER HAD ANY RESPONSE TO THAT MESSAGE.

2. I CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ARCE'S REQUEST FOR USG HELP IN ACQUIRING A BUILDING. IF ARCE IS TO FULFILL THE FUNCTIONS WHICH IT CAN, IT NEEDS LARGER QUARTERS THAN IT NOW HAS. MOREOVER, RENTALS ARE SKYROCKETING AND THIS TOO WILL INCREASINGLY IMPOSE SHARP CONSTRAINTS ON ARCE'S ABILITY TO FUNCTION. IF ACQUISITION OF A BUILDING IS INDEFINITELY DELAYED, IT MAY ULTIMATELY BECOME TOTALLY OUT OF RANGE.

3. I DO NOT KNOW IF DEPT HAS SOME SPECIFIC IDEA IN MIND ON HOW TO HELP. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY WOULD MOST PROPERLY FIT UNDER AID AMERICAN HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS APPROPRIATION.

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PERHAPS THE DEPT KNOWS SOME OTHER VIABLE APPROACH.

4. ALTERNATIVELY, POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE EXPLORED OF
FBO PURCHASING A PROPERTY USING PL 480 POUND HOLDINGS
AND USG RENTING IT TO ARCE ON LONG-TERM LEASE.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S VIEWS.
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